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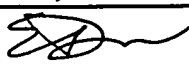
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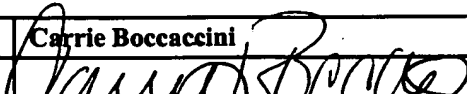
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A system for accessing an electronic network ~~with an electronic terminal via a service provider, said electronic terminal having an associated identifier, said system comprising:~~

~~an access station, wherein said electronic terminal initially links with said access station via a first communication link and wherein said identifier associated with said electronic terminal is transmitted to said access station, wherein said access station establishes an account based upon said identifier and transmits connection information back to said electronic terminal for use in establishing a second communications link between said electronic terminal and said service provider, wherein a second communications link is initiated between said electronic terminal and said service provider based upon said connection information, and wherein said service provider monitors a time of said second communications link and transmits data indicative of said time to said access station.~~

an electronic terminal having an associated identifier;

an access station adapted to establish an account and to transmit connection information back to said electronic terminal, wherein the account is established based upon an investigation of a local exchange carrier database;

a first communication link to link said electronic terminal and said access station wherein said identifier associated with said electronic terminal is transmitted to said access station; and

a second communications link between said electronic terminal and said service provider, said second communications link initiated between said electronic terminal and said service provider based upon said connection information,

wherein said service provider monitors a time of said second communications link and transmits data indicative of said time to said access station.

2. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 1, where in said access station associates said time with said account for billing purposes.

3. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said identifier of said electronic terminal is a telephone number.

4. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein said electronic terminal is portable, and when said electronic terminal is used at a remote location from a home port associated with said telephone number, said access station requires entry of additional information.

5. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein said additional information corresponds to said account.

6. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein said additional information is indicative of dialing instructions at said remote location.

7. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein a monetary amount corresponding to said time of said second link is charged to said telephone number.

8. (Currently Amended): The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said access station associates a task with said identifier of said electronic terminal, wherein ~~said a~~ password is transmitted to said electronic terminal via said first communications link and to said electronic network service provider via a third communications link.

9. (Currently Amended): A system for accessing an electronic network via an electronic network service provider, said system comprising:

~~an electronic network service provider;~~

an electronic terminal having an associated identifier and configured to access said electronic network;

an access station; configured to link with said electronic terminal, to store data

indicative of said identifier, and to provide said electronic terminal with information associated with said electronic network service provider for use by said electronic terminal in linking with said electronic network service provider responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database,

~~an electronic terminal for accessing said electronic network, said electronic terminal having an associated identifier, wherein said electronic terminal links with said access station via a first communications link and said access station stores data indicative of said identifier, transmits said data indicative of said identifier to said electronic network service provider via a second communication link; and provides said electronic terminal with an identifier associated with said electronic network service provider for use by said electronic terminal in linking with said electronic network service provider wherein, once a link between said electronic terminal and said electronic network service provider is established, said electronic network service provider monitors a number of time units associated with said established link and transmits data indicative of said time units to said access station for use in billing matters.~~

10. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said identifier associated with said electronic terminal is a telephone number associated with a subscriber.

11. (Original): The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said identifier is an electronic address associated with a subscriber.

12. (Currently Amended): A method of accessing the Internet with an electronic terminal and via an Internet service provider (ISP), said electronic terminal having an associated identifier, said method comprising:

initially linking said electronic terminal with an access station via a first communications link;

establishing an account at said access station corresponding to said electronic terminal responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database;

transmitting from said access station to said electronic terminal ISP connection information pertaining to said ISP;

using said connection information to link said electronic terminal with said ISP via a second communications link;

monitoring time units associated with said second communications link at the ISP; multiplying said time units by a monetary rate to thereby obtain billing data; and associating said billing data with said established account for billing purposes.

13. (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein establishing said account further comprises:

determining an identifier associated with said electronic terminal; and using said identifier to establish a billing identifier.

14. (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein establishing an account further comprises:

establishing a password for said account.

15. (Currently Amended): The method as set forth in claim 14, ~~said method~~ further comprising:

transmitting said billing identifier, said password, and an identifier associated with said ~~Internet service provider~~ ISP to said electronic terminal as part of said connection information.

16. (Currently Amended): The method as set forth in claim 15, ~~said method~~ further comprising:

additionally transmitting said billing identifier and said password to said Internet service provider via a third communications link.

17. (Currently Amended): The method as set forth in claim 16, when said electronic terminal links with said Internet service provider via said second communications link, the method including transmitting said billing identifier and said password from said electronic terminal to said Internet service provider and comparing said billing identifier and said password transmitted

via said second link with said billing identifier and password transmitted via said third link for log on purposes at said ~~Internet service provider~~ ISP.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended): A method of accessing the Internet with an electronic terminal and via an Internet service provider, said electronic terminal having an associated identifier, said method comprising:

initially linking said electronic terminal with an access station via a first communications link;

establishing an account at said access station corresponding to said electronic terminal responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database;

transmitting from said access station to said electronic terminal ISP connection information pertaining to said ISP;

using said connection information to link said electronic terminal with said Internet service provider via a second communications link; and

associating billing data with said established account at said ISP for billing purposes.

20. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 19, wherein said identifier is a telephone number.



## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Mansey fails to disclose “an access station adapted to establish an account and to transmit connection information back to said electronic terminal, wherein **the account is established based upon an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claim 1.

Mansey fails to disclose “an access station configured to link with said electronic terminal, to store data indicative of said identifier, and to **provide said electronic terminal with information associated with said electronic network service provider** for use by said electronic terminal in linking with said electronic network service provider **responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claim 9.

Mansey fails to disclose “**establishing an account at said access station corresponding to said electronic terminal responsive to an investigation of a local exchange carrier database**”, as required by independent claims 12 and 19.


Because not every element of claims 1, 9, 12, and 19 is present in Mansey, claims 1, 9, 12, 19, and their respective dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elena B. Dreszer at (408) 947-8200 ext. 209.

Respectfully submitted,

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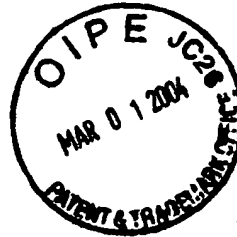
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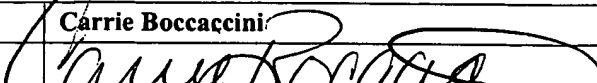
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